AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 9 and ending on page 4, line 1, with the following amended paragraph:

T. C. Chung et al. reported, in US5286800 and US5401805, techniques of obtaining polar group-containing olefin copolymers by adding alkyl borane such as 9-BBN to the terminal of the main or side chain of polyolefin and then radically polymerizing in the presence of oxygen the resulting polymer with methyl methacrylate (MMA) etc. However, the alkyl borane used in such techniques is generally expensive and unsuitable for industrial production. Further, the report of T. C. Chung et al. describes polymerization examples under heterogeneous conditions only at a MMA polymerization temperature of from room temperature to 60°C, but does not describe polymerization examples at high temperatures advantageous to higher reaction rate. It is noted that in the techniques of T. C. Chung et al., a radical polymerization-initiating terminal should be generated by using oxygen, and thus the radical polymerization reaction is inhibited due to the influence of residual oxygen, or proper active species are not formed due to oxidation into borate or boronate ~~(Macromolecules ,~~ Macromolecules, 26, 3467 ~~(1996)~~ (1993), thus making it difficult to regulate the structure of the radically polymerized moiety.

Please delete page 12 because page 12 is duplicative of page 11.